

A Note from the Pastor

It's been three months since the sudden and unexpected death of Fr. Nelke. Since that time there has been change and transition here at our parish. We welcomed Fr. Bob Boisaubin as our new priest, said goodbye to Fr. Nord as he leaves to pursue graduate studies in Rome, welcomed Fr. Brian Hecktor as our other new priest, and finally welcomed Deacon Eric Olsen as our new transitional Deacon. At the time of Fr. Nelke's death, so many of you mentioned that we should do something to remember him by. I'm proud to announce that we have decided on a fitting tribute to this fine priest. We will construct the "Fr. Nelke Memorial Garden". This garden will be located across the street from the Rectory, right next to the spot where Fr. Nelke would often lead priests new to the parish, for prayer. I know he led me. Father Would tell us that Fr. Godfrey, the founding pastor of the parish, was buried there and that it would be fitting to offer a prayer to him as we begin our time here at the parish. In reality, the spot is actually a storm sewer lid that is hidden by some nice shrubs! Fr. would take great delight in his deception. Our new garden will bring a smile to all who walk through it. Fr. Nelke would be proud. In the rear of the Church, you will see an artist's rendering of Fr. Nelke's garden and description of all the flowers and plant life. You'll also find envelopes and if you would like to make a donation for the construction of the garden, that would be wonderful! Please drop the envelope in the Sunday collection or if you would like to simply drop by the Rectory to make your offering that would be fine as well. Regardless, we ask you to keep Fr. Nelke in your prayers. May God reward this fine priest.

On another note— beginning this Monday, construction crews will be present on Santa Maria Drive to resurface the street. When you come to the church, little church or other facilities, we ask you to use caution as the construction will probably take three or four days.

Fourth of July Holiday Mass Schedule

On Friday, July 4th, Mass will be offered at 9 am in the Main Church. Please join us to ask God's continued blessing on our nation.

Early Bulletin Alert

Due to the July 4th holiday, the deadline for all bulletin announcements to appear in the July 6th bulletin is Tuesday, July 1st.

A Note from Father Hecktor

Dear Parishioners,

The words and gifts of congratulations from so many of you since my ordination to the priesthood have been overwhelming. The reception I have received from you since beginning my assignment here has also been a wonderful gift. Thank you very much! When Archbishop Burke told me I would be returning here as Associate Pastor, I couldn't have been happier. It is with great joy that I begin my priestly ministry here! I look forward to learning from you, I certainly look forward to serving you, and above all, I look forward to walking with you along the path that leads to Truth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Hecktor

"Protecting God's Children" Seminar

Offered at Our Parish

There will be a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop given here at Ascension Parish on Wednesday, August 20th at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The workshop will last approximately 2 hours. Attendance at a "Protecting God's Children" workshop is mandated by the Archdiocese for all those who are in contact with children in any program that is sponsored by the parish or uses our facilities. This includes all educational, scouting, and sports programs. If you need or want to attend a workshop, please take advantage of this opportunity here at our parish. For other available times and locations go to www.archstl.org.



This couple plans to give themselves to one another in the sacrament of Marriage. Everyone is asked to pray for them as they prepare for their life together:

Zachary Keys, Ascension and
Aubree Dill, Our Lady of the Lake, Holland MI

Parish Staff Directory

The Parish Elementary School: 636.532.1151

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Early Childhood Center: 636.532.3375

Sunday Pre-School:

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Youth Ministry: 636.532.1995

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Father Bob Boisaubin: 314.604.1041

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Mr. Brad Sellenriek — 636.728.0790

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Ambassadors:

Mrs. Betty Seeney — 636.532.8805

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Mr. Brad Sellenriek — 636.728.0790

Boy Scout Troop #597:

Mr. Jerry Nowak — 636.530.7437

Cub Scout Troop #597:

Mr. Bill Imming — 636.530.9694

Girl Scouts:

Mrs. Maureen Feltz — 636.537.3267

Knights of Columbus:

Mr. Jack Giebe — 636.532.2078

Respect Life:

Mrs. Jane Winters — 636.537.8406

Reach Out:

Mrs. Kathy Massimino — 636.532.0501

School Board President:

Mr. Mike Loynd—636.530.9158

School Fathers' Club:

Mr. Norm Waterweise — 636.532.3637

School Mothers' Club:

Mrs. Liz Schwarz — 636.519.1157

St. Vincent DePaul Society:

Rectory — 636.532.3304

Ushers:

Mr. Tony Ambrose — 636.537.2360

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 30

6:30 am Karen Sullivan

8:00 am Harley Meyer

8:45 am Mary Ambrose

Tuesday, July 1

6:30 am Lawrence Shocklee

8:00 am Joe Gegg

8:45 am Judi Powers

Wednesday, July 2

6:30 am Christopher Katzenberger

8:00 am Marie Kinsella

8:45 am Sheila Garrison

Thursday, July 3

6:30 am Evelyn Waltman

8:00 am Benefactors of Parish

8:45 am Charles Kloecker

Friday, July 4

9:00 am Philip Sullivan

Saturday, July 5

8:00 am Floyd Wuellner

5:00 pm Harry Flynn

Sunday, July 6

7:00 am Special Intention

8:00 am Billie Skillington

9:15 am For Parish Family

10:45 am James Coyle

12:15 pm Joan Marie Scherer

5:30 pm Special Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharist is reserved for private prayer in both the big and little Churches. The Little Church remains open 24 hours a day every day for those who wish to visit the Lord and pray.

The Legion of 200 is an informal organization of parishioners and others who pledge regular, weekly visits to the Lord in the Little Church; there are no meetings. The visit is recorded by signature cards located near the rear of the Little Church.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6, 2008

Readers

- 5:00 pm R1 Marilyn Eppler
R2 Carol McGinnis
7:00 am R1 Len Falk
R2 Jan Lukas
8:00 am R1 Gerard Marshall
R2 Barbara Kelly
9:15 am R1 Barbara McLaurine
R2 James Klug
10:45 am R1 Celeste Schattnik
R2 Carol Martin
12:15 pm R1 Joe DeLuca
R2 Ann Bardgett
5:30 pm R1 Paul Hoffman
R2 Vicki Wilding

Servers

- 5:00 pm Alexander Isaak, Courtney Sprague,
Suzanne Sterns
7:00 am Kevin Durlington, Audrey Enright,
Liam FitzGerald
8:00 am McKenzie Cox, Tara Deskin, Lucy
Gavlick
9:15 am James Laughlin, Kelsey McLaurine,
Courtney Meek
10:45 am Sydney Hausmann, Zander Miller,
Kalie Moloney
12:15 pm Dominic Lombardo, Alli Loynd,
Michaela Matulewic
5:30 pm Wilson Hayward, Natalie Imo,
Corinne Klump

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2008

- Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn
21:15-19; Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm
4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt
11:25-30

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I. PARISH MEETINGS

Baptismal Preparation Class

Next class for new or prospective parents is July 8th, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please notify one of the priests if you are coming (532.3304).

Ambassador News

Since our regular meeting is on the holiday, July 4th, we will celebrate our Mass on July 11th at 8:45 am Mass followed by our regular meeting. A doctor from Des Peres Hospital is coming to talk to us that day about "Aging Successfully". Hope we have a good crowd for the doctor!

For our tour of Busch Stadium, the caves and lunch at Bevo Mill on Thursday, July 10th, we will leave the parking lot at 8 am.

II. PARISH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

School News

It's summertime and the doors to school are closed. Over the summer the school may be empty, but that doesn't mean we're not accomplishing tasks, cleaning, organizing, and planning for the next school year. We continue to take registrations over the summer. In July, the office is officially closed, but we continue to check our voice mail and e-mail regularly. To new families who move in over the summer: please don't hesitate to give us a call. We would be happy to provide a tour, answer questions about our school, and provide information on curriculum to any interested families.

Have a safe and restful summer!

Communion For Shut-Ins

Our Special Ministers distribute Holy Communion on Sundays in the homes of our shut-ins and those returning from the hospital. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home on Sundays, please call Bob Keeney (532.2184).

PSR News

Registration forms for 2008/2009 are available in the Main Church under the picture of the Parish Council. Please remember that the earlier you register the more likely it will be that you get your choice of class session day and time.

We need catechists for this coming year and ask you to pray about how you could help answer the need. Team teaching is always an option if you are worried about meeting the weekly commitment and know someone who would also like to teach part time. Grades in need of a catechist are Sunday: 4th at 9 am, 5th at 10:30, 6th at 9 am and 10:30 am, 7th at 10:30 am, and 8th at 9 am; on Monday: Kindergarten, 1st and 7th.

Classroom assistants are always needed as well—please let us know if you could assist on a weekly basis.

Remember to invite Jesus along on your summer activities. He is the best possible companion you could have! Happy summer!

Ascension Early Childhood Center

"The Little School" is accepting enrollment for the 2008-09 school year for children ages 2, 3, 4 and not yet in kindergarten. Please visit our website for further information (www.ascensionchesterfield.org) click on "Preschool - The Little School". A Registration Form can be downloaded for your convenience. If you have questions, please email us at:

littleschool@ascensionchesterfield.org.

If you prefer, you can leave a message in the school office 636/532-3375 ext 122. Messages are checked daily.

Youth Ministry

Focus

All high school students are welcome to join us at our 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. Hang out with us after Mass (generally beginning around 6:45 pm) for an evening of music, friends, food, and great conversation!

The evening ends about 8:45 pm.

-June 29—**Movie Night:** Emperor's Club.

-July 6—**KICKBALL TOURNAMENT** Ascension's Youth Ministry first ever kickball tournament! Join us for a little fun & crazy competition to close out the holiday weekend!



Adult Faith

Wednesday Night Fellowship

We have started a summer Bible Study on the Book of Genesis! This study will help you become more familiar with the Old Testament while making important connections to the New Testament Gospel. **If you can't make the complete series, still come and join us when you can attend.** This group promises to have many opportunities to discuss and apply what we read to our everyday lives. The group is meeting every Wednesday evening at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Feel free to attend anytime! Please bring your Bible. Contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344) for further details!

Save the Date!

Christ Renews His Parish weekends are coming up in September! Since we know your Fall calendars fill up quickly, now is the time to book your calendar and **save the date for a grace filled weekend!** The Men's weekend is September 13-14 and the Women's weekend is September 20-21! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344)! If you have attended a previous CRHP, please help us spread the word!

Keeping our Families as Families

Please note that June is a busy month for families and because of this, many who were interested in attending this event were unable to make the event. We are currently trying to push this back to be a mid-July BBQ. If this time is better for you, please contact Chris Foeldi (532.9344). The purpose of this BBQ event is for families at Ascension to come together and be together as families because of Christ! Our families are being threatened today in many ways. We can see it happening overtly through the promotion of a worldly morality or we can perceive it in subtle ways such as overextending ourselves to the point of **not being able to be present for each other.** BBQ's such as these can promote a stronger sense of family community and parish community. Please let us know that you are interested in attending such events and specifically an event in July! We will set the date shortly which will depend on whose schedules will permit it.

Ascension Prayer Line

If you are in need of prayers or know of someone who is hurting, please call and we will pray. Sue Schultz, 314.878.7086 or Florence Flynn, 532.0842.

Recycle Cell Phones, Ink, Laser Jets & Laptops

Thank you for supporting the Ascension Squires Circle # 4893. We continue to collect cell phones, ink-jet, Laser Jets, iPods, digital cameras and laptops. You are protecting the environment and items *may be tax deductible with tax forms on side of collection container*. The marked blue collection container is located in the Choir room in the Main Church. Questions call John Gouveia (314.409.3459).

Monthly Reparation Vigil

The Communion of Reparation Vigil which promotes the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held July 4th and 5th in the Main Church. The four basic elements of the vigil consist of the Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Confession starts at 7 pm and Mass for the Sacred Heart will begin at 8 pm. For more information please contact Fr. Hector at the Rectory, Mary Hodge (532.0337) or Emy Joson (532.3383).

When You Have Lost Someone Precious to You

Let Martha Guild offer you support and comfort by preparing and serving a luncheon for your family and friends after the funeral. It will be prepared by parishioners who want you to know they care about you. Please call the Rectory for arrangements.

Next Bagel & Donuts Sunday— August 17th

Ascension's Knights of Columbus will be back again in full swing on August 17th, following our two month hiatus, with our "Third Sunday Morning Award Winning Breakfast" in the Multi-Purpose Room following the 7, 8 and 9:15 am Masses. In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the Summer and we look forward to seeing and serving you come August 17th.

Blood Drive

Start saving the date for the Knights of Columbus Semi-Annual Blood Drive on August 17th. Please consider donating.

3rd Annual Steve Ostermueller Memorial Golf Tournament

Please save the date for the 3rd annual Steve Ostermueller Memorial Golf Tournament. This year's event will take place on Friday, October 3, 2008 at The Falls Golf Course in O'Fallon, MO with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. Player's fee is \$125 and includes Lunch, Golf, BBQ Dinner and beverages on the course. A special Parent/Child player fee will be offered for any parent who wants to participate in the tournament with their son or daughter. Sponsorship opportunities will also be available.

Proceeds from this tournament will benefit the Ostermueller Children's Education Fund and a Scholarship Fund to assist those who might not otherwise have the resources to get a Catholic education. Questions can be directed to the Tournament Chairman, Scott Goodman at sgoodman@enterprisebank.com

Next "Adopt-A-Platoon" Collection Set For July 19th and 20th

Ascension's "Adopt/A/Platoon" Committee will once again be tending to our Collection Box on July 19th and 20th at ALL Masses, which will be situated in the Choir Room just inside the main entrance to our Church.

For those parishioners who may not be familiar with our program, we are entering our fourth month of collecting food, snack and hygiene items for the three servicemen that we are supporting. Monetary contributions are also accepted which allows us to purchase specific requested items, as well as defraying shipping costs.

Also, a number of parishioners have inquired as to how many "care packages" have been shipped since we started our program and the basic shipping cost involved. For our first three months of operation, we have shipped to Iraq and one "undisclosed destination" a total of 37 "care packages" which we package into "flat rate boxes" provided by the U.S. Postal Service at a shipping cost approximating \$10 per box.

Sgt. Jay Oefelein, Capt. Justin Marshall and Brother Knight Chris Higgins, along with all members of Ascension's KofC Council #11139, extend a most sincere "thank you" to Ascension parishioners, families and friends for your kindness and generosity.

See you all on July 19th and 20th.

FoodBank Volunteers

Anyone wishing to begin monthly service (first Wednesday of each month from 9 until noon) to the FoodBank in Earth City should meet at the Rectory parking lot this Wednesday, July 2nd at 8:30 am. Please call Deb Klug (530.4582) if you are coming.

Visiting Statue of Mary

Some years ago we welcomed the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into our parish. Since that time, the statue has traveled throughout the parish visiting families and individuals for weeks at a time. If you and your family would like the opportunity to welcome Our Lady, call Mary Brewer (532.1699).

Ascension Sports Uniform/Equipment Return

A "Summer Amnesty" drop-off has been negotiated with Kids SportWorld (corner of Clarkson and Baxter) for any remaining Ascension basketball, soccer, and volleyball uniforms/equipment which are on the Missing-In-Action list. We are asking everyone to search their closets, drawers, attics, garages, and even under their beds for the safe return of the missing items. We ask that you attach the coach's name so that the neglected article may be re-united with its owner. Thank you.

Children's Envelope Alert

Please be certain your child's name is written on their Sunday envelope every week. It is essential to crediting the children for their donation.



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Ascension Chapter of the Catholic Employment Network (CEN)

Interested in the Unemployed??...St. Louis job seekers face the challenges of finding employment in a job market where lay-offs, down-sizing, outsourcing continue. In the past few months some job seekers have been forced to find employment in another state while others who've moved/transferred to St. Louis find themselves unemployed. The number of job seekers has increased as job opportunities continue to decrease.

The Catholic Employment Network (CEN) - including the Ascension chapter - offers support and guidance to the area's unemployed/under-employed. The organization continues to educate and assist job seekers in proactively and purposefully networking with industry contacts and hiring authorities. You can find out more information about Catholic Employment Network by going to their website. www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org.

AND you can support St. Louis area job seekers in one or more of the following ways:

- Provide job leads. Just email a brief job description/contact person to shirleyvalentino@aol.com; the job lead will be included in the next email to members. Your name will not be used unless the response should be directed to you.
- Use the Mini Resume Directory website - www.aen.mustbehere.com. When you've job opportunities, check out the website; you may find a candidate(s) of interest to you.
- Let your hiring managers/human resources know about the website.
- Assist with networking by providing our members with contacts in local industries and companies.
- Mentoring/coaching a job seeker in resume writing, interviewing, networking, all phases of the job search. If interested, contact Frank Danzo, fdanzo@earthlink.net.
- Pass this information on to a business associate. That person may be willing to help the unemployed by providing job opportunities to shirleyvalentino@aol.com and/or using the website.

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Recycle Paper And Help Our School \$\$\$ Earn Money \$\$\$

**YES, please
recycle:**

- **Newspaper**
- **Magazines**
- **Shopping catalogs**
- **Mail**
- **Office paper**
- **Self-stick notes**
- **Computer paper**
- **Posters and Folders**
- **Fax paper**
- **Envelopes - with
and without windows**

**NO, we cannot
make paper
from:**

- **Laminated paper**
- **Food containers**
- **Milk cartons**
- **Plastic of any kind**
- **Metal**
- **Glass**
- **Phone books**



Green & Yellow recycling bin located
outside the Multi-Purpose Room by the kitchen door.



Catholic Single Adults Club of St. Louis

All Single Catholics ages 21-45 are invited to join us for spiritual and social events including:

- . Church hopping
- . Fitness Walks
- . Parties
- . Dances
- . Trivia Nights
- . Softball
- . Picnics
- . Happy Hours



For more information contact Tanya at tk864@sbcglobal.net, Steve at 314-966-0724 or visit our website at www.csacstlouis.org.